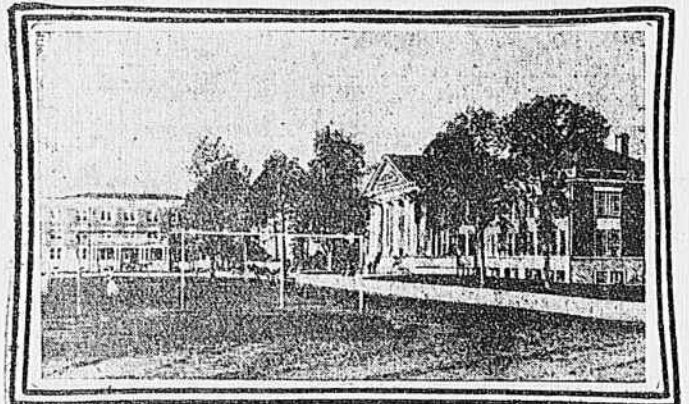


# Educational Growth of Fredericksburg



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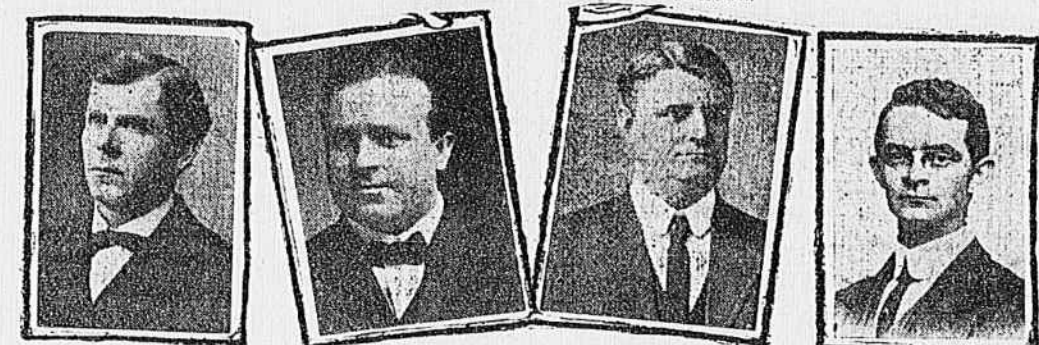


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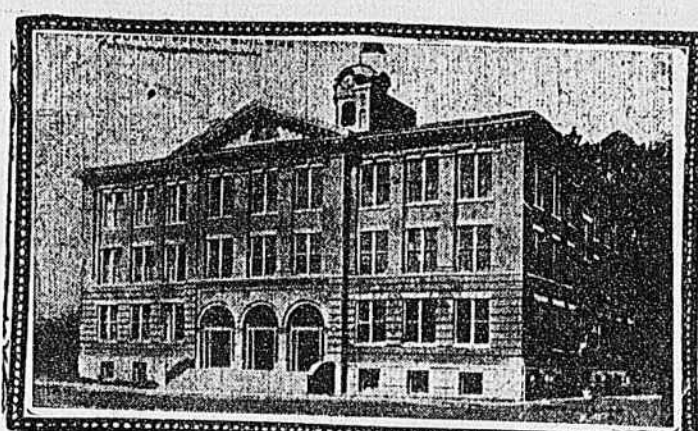


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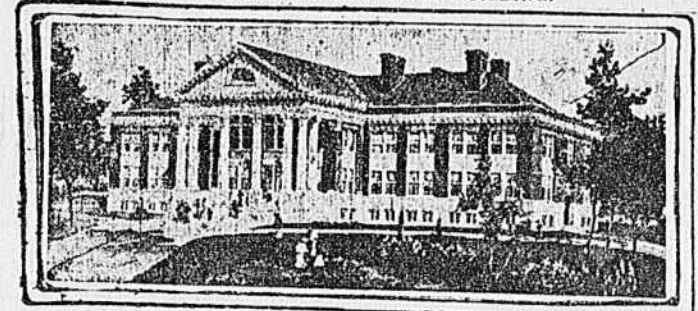


W. N. HAMLET.

A. B. CHANDLER, JR.

PROF. E. N. RUSSELL,  
President State Normal  
School.HUGH S. BIRD,  
Superintendent of Public Schools,  
also Member of Faculty of  
State Normal School.

NEW \$40,000 PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING.



Administration Building State Normal and Industrial School for Women.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., January 13.—Fredericksburg furnishes a most excellent illustration of the marvelous advance in education which has taken place in Virginia during the past six years. A half dozen years ago this town, so rich in historic association and so commandingly situated at the head of navigation on the beautiful Rappahannock and the midway station between the capital of Virginia and of the nation, was of no special repute in educational matters. But almost in a moment she awakened from her lethargy, was caught in the educational renaissance which has of late been sweeping over the State, until now she occupies a most enviable and commanding position in the educational facilities she offers. No city of its size in the State, perhaps, can make an educational exhibit comparable with that of this proud little city.

Very few years ago public education was at a decided discount here. The more conservative people and many of the progressives would not patronize the public school and had no interest in matters of public education. This is not strange, but on the contrary quite natural, when it is recalled that the public school work was done in an old, antiquated building with no modern equipment and with teachers selected almost exclusively from local applicants at starvation salaries. But a marvelous change has taken place. Three years ago a handsome public school building, costing \$40,000, was erected, ample equipment procured, and a systematic plan made to increase salaries and secure professionally trained teachers. A great public day will soon be appointed on which the building will be formally dedicated. The public will be invited to these ceremonies, and the people of the State will have an opportunity to see for themselves this splendid new State institution. Despite the main body of having the use of only a part of the administration building, the school opened its first session on time, and the work has been progressing steadily since. The members of the faculty were chosen for their experience in and special fitness for the work assigned them. The names of each member of the faculty,

together with a brief educational biography, are as follows: E. H. Russell, president, educated in Henrico public schools, Richmond City High School, Richmond College and V. M. I.; for two years principal of schools at Pulaski City; for two years superintendent at Fishburne Military Academy; for eight years superintendent of schools, Bristol, Va.; in 1905 was elected State school examiner, which position he filled with great credit till elected president of the State Normal at Fredericksburg. While superintendent of schools at Bristol he found and conducted most successfully a summer school for teachers at Emory and Henry College. While examiner he performed a like service for the teachers of the State through the summer school at Fredericksburg, which he founded and conducted for several years. He has been intimately acquainted with educational conditions and closely identified with the public school work of the State all his life.

W. N. Hamlet, mathematics and science, educated in public schools of Lynchburg; C. E. of V. M. I., special courses in science and mathematics at University of Virginia and Cornell; University of public high schools at Ashland, Va., and Lenoire, Ark.; only a part of the administration building, the school opened its first session on time, and the work has been progressing steadily since. The members of the faculty were chosen for their experience in and special fitness for the work assigned them. The names of each member of the faculty,

Heights, overlooking the city, and occupies sixty acres of ground with a beautiful grove. The school is being developed for the teaching of all practical work for home life in the country, such as poultry raising, dairying, beekeeping, school gardening, household economy.

From the standpoint of health, its location is ideal. There has never during the session been the slightest illness for which the school in any way was responsible. A regularly licensed woman physician is a member of the faculty and serves as resident physician to the school.

The public school is closely co-ordinated with the normal and serves as the practical school for this institution. In fact, the superintendent of schools of the city is the head of the department of education in the normal, and the supervisor of primary work is the instructor in primary methods at the normal. This proves an immense advantage to the public school, and at the same time affords the normal ample practice school facilities.

The normal school board has experienced many difficulties and overcome many perplexing problems in providing the grounds and buildings for this institution. It is evident to any one visiting the site, however, that no mistake was made in the spot chosen. The grounds are only one-half mile from the principal residential street of the city, are well drained, and give a commanding view of the city and of the river valley for several miles in either direction. The buildings, both the dormitory and the administration building, are magnificent and modern in all their appointments. A new street has been opened, connecting the city with the school property. The grounds which have already viewed of the grounds with reference to planning for their beautification, though no actual work in this direction has as yet been done. The cornerstone of the administration building was laid July 4, before a magnificent assemblage.

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lego, Richmond; three years director of anatomy and chemistry in the medical department of the Medical College, Richmond.

A. B. Chandler, Jr., Latin, preparatory education in Virginia Midland and Bowling Green Academies; B. A. and M. A. University of Virginia; oratorical, Washington Literary Society; University of Virginia; assistant professor of English in Virginia Mechanics Institute; conductor for two years of State Summer School at Fredericksburg; for past year State school examiner for first circuit and secretary of the board; author of Virginia Supplement to Fry's Grammar School Geography of various pedagogical articles in State Journal of Education, and of popular lectures; editor for three years of school page of News Leader.

Hugh S. Bird, education, educated in public schools of Petersburg, Va., and Seaboard Normal College; professor of pedagogy at College of William and Mary and director of the Model and Practice School from 1888 to 1901; superintendent of schools of James City county and Williamsburg; superintendent of schools of Fredericksburg; including the University of Virginia; member of the board of trustees of the George Peabody College.

Virginia E. Stone, primary methods, graduate Farmville State Normal; twelve years' experience in public school work; instructor in primary work and reading in several summer schools in Virginia; special work at Teachers' College, Columbia University; primary supervisor, State Normal School, Farmville, Va.

Francis L. Withers, household arts, educated at Chester (S. C.) High School, Clifton (S. C.) Seminary, Martha Washington College, Teachers' College, Columbia University; summer courses at Winthrop and University of Virginia; several years teacher in primary and grammar grades in South Carolina; household arts department in Newman Manual Training School, New Orleans; one of the few model schools of this character in the South.

M. Catherine Strath, rural arts, educated in schools of Ontario, Canada, the Owen Sound Collegiate Institute, the Chatham Collegiate Institute, graduate of Toronto Normal School; special courses at McDonald Institute, Joseph, Canada, and College of Agriculture, Cornell; taught ten years in graded and training schools of Ontario; one year assistant in nature study department at Cornell; director of school gardens in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania; magazine contributor; collaborator in "School Gardens for All," Cornell; member of N. E. A.'s national committee on school gardens.

Olive M. Hinman, manual training and drawing, educated under private tutors in Norfolk and Atlanta; full graduate Farmville State Normal; special student in Chicago and New York; special drawing demonstrator for Prong Company, in several States; supervisor of drawing, Columbia, Pa.; teacher of drawing in several Virginia summer schools; student of fine arts at Columbia; fine arts diploma from Teachers' College; always much interested in directing student activities; teacher in summer school of University of Vermont.

Virginia M. Goodrich, history, educated in private and public schools and the High School of Fredericksburg; summer courses at University of Vir-

ginia and Columbia University; two years' course at Teachers' College; summer work in Virginia summer schools; teacher in public schools of Fredericksburg; scholarship in History at Teachers' College 1910-1911.

Dora J. Dabnum, English, educated in High School, Watertown, Mass.; A. B. in liberal arts, Boston University; summer work at Harvard and Chautauqua; experience as teacher in Accolom Institute New Hampshire; West Virginia Conference Seminary; principal and superintendent schools, Wilmington, Mass.; principal Hopkins Academy, Hadley, Mass.

Annie L. Anthony, modern languages; private tutor and public schools of Amherst county; Danville College for Young Ladies; A. B. and M. graduate Randolph Macon Woman's College; taught in Valley Female College, Winchester; Clinton Normal College; the public schools of Virginia; Hardin College, Mexico, Mo.; has taken special summer work at University of Virginia and Johns Hopkins.

Bernice M. White, director of music; graduate Auburn High School, New York; graduate New York Normal School, Cortland, N. Y.; summer work at New York University and Cornell University; member vespers choir and festival chorus, Ithaca, N. Y.; director of chorus choir, State Street M. E. Church, Ithaca, N. Y.; grade teacher in public schools, Ithaca, N. Y.; teacher of music in public schools, Ithaca, N. Y.

Cary Graves, director physical education, educated at Bedford City High School; A. B. Presbyterian College for Women, Charlotte, N. C.; two summer's work at University of Virginia; one summer at Chautauqua School of Physical Education, also private instructor in physical education; principal public schools in Wise county; director girls' gymnastics at Fredericksburg College.

Dr. Anne Humphreys, resident physician and instructor in biology, educated privately by her father, Professor M. W. Humphreys, of University of Virginia; attended Piedmont Medical Institute, Charlottesville; student of three years at Randolph-Macon Woman's College, completing all the work offered in natural science; prominent there in athletics; four years in University of Michigan as student in medicine and surgery, graduating cum honore in 1907, extra clinical work in Chicago; interne for one year in Minneapolis; practitioner of medicine in Norfolk from 1909 to 1911; member Norfolk county Medical Society, Medical Association of Virginia, American Medical Association, Seaboard Medical Society, Public Health Education Committee. Dr. Humphreys was a medical student one of eight in her class who passed without condition.

Nora C. Willis, instructor in instrumental music, educated in public schools of Fredericksburg and at Fredericksburg College; graduate in piano, harmony and theory of music, Fredericksburg College; pupil of LeRoy Barte Campbell, Berlin; pupil of Jacob Reinhardt, Richmond; piano teacher in Williamson Presbyterian Academy; piano teacher in Woman's College, Richmond.

Marion C. Forbes, head of the home, graduate of State Female Normal School, Farmville; taught for several terms in public schools of Houston and Radford, Va.; for past ten years head of the home at Woman's College, Richmond.

Guyton M. Harrison, superintendent electrical department and assistant in mathematics; full graduate of V. M. I. in electrical engineering; principal White Stone High School; served for several years in electrical department of Union Pacific Railroad; engaged in

electrical engineering, contracting work in Fredericksburg.

C. Mason Smith, M. D., consulting physician; A. B. Fredericksburg College; M. D. University of Virginia; served as interne in Norfolk Protestant Hospital; took post-graduate work in Philadelphia and New York; member Rappahannock Valley Medical Society, Medical Society of Virginia and American Medical Association; member of Board of Health of Fredericksburg.

In addition to these public institutions, the Fredericksburg College, a private institution established here some years ago, recently has been rehabilitated and has wide acceptance in this part of the State.

There are also other excellent private schools.

Thus it may be seen from this outline of Fredericksburg's recent educational growth that this city is alive and alert; and instead of living on past memories and the exploits of ancestral heroes, is in very truth in the forefront of progress and is determined, above everything else, to give to the present generation, through the education of its youth, an opportunity for service, success and happiness, which will inevitably increase in prestige and power and add hundreds of self-reliant and happy citizens to the body politic of the old Commonwealth.

## WARRENTON

[Special to the Times-Dispatch.] Warrenton, Va., January 13.—Mrs. William F. Wilbur as hostess to the Reading Club on Wednesday of this week.

Miss R. R. Woodin of Richmond, arrived in Warrenton this week to be the guest of her daughter, Mrs. James Walden Jeffries.

Miss Annie Hilleary, formerly of Staunton, but now of Washington, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hilleary.

Miss Myra Banlett, of New York, is the guest of the Misses Stone.

Mrs. William C. Hayes, Masters

Jack and William, Jr., and Miss Jan. Colvin have returned from Philadelphia, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Maple for some time.

Miss May Fair left Warrenton this week for Canada, where she will be the guest of Mrs. Fred Towfield, in Montreal, for some time.

John Pemberton, Jr., of New York City, and the Episcopal High School, spent the week-end in Warrenton with friends.

Mrs. Maurice C. Pihen and Miss Pihen, of Washington, visited in Warrenton this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian C. Keith, of "Donnamore," near Warrenton, have had as their guests recently, J. Van Buren Mitchell and W. M. Timmer, of New York; Major Brewster, Major William Lasser, and Major Gordon, United States Army, Washington; Captain Wiame, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Walker, of Walkersville, Canada.

Julian Keith is spending several days in New York.

W. F. Allen, of Seaford, Del., was in town this week.

Rev. E. S. Hinks, rector of St. James Episcopal Church, gave a talk at the Warrenton Library on Wednesday afternoon, the subject of which was "Western Experiences."

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dillingham are visiting in the North. Mr. Dillingham is Master Conway. Dillingham are guests during their absence of Mr. Gaskins.

Mrs. Lomax Green, who has been spending some time in Warrenton with her sisters, left the past week for Washington, where she will be the guest of her brother, General L. L. Lomax.

Captain John B. Rose spent the week-end in Warrenton with Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Rose.

Mr. A. T. Rose, who has been in Washington for some time, is in Warrenton for several weeks.

Major R. P. Barry is spending the winter in New York.

Major H. A. McIntyre is at home after a visit to his old home in South Carolina.

Mrs. Howard M. Hoge, president of the Woman's Union, made an address to the women of Warrenton and vicinity on Monday at the Presbyterian Church.

## In Mellow Middle Age

BY ADA PATTERSON

The Duchess of Sutherland has given up writing. This, in itself, is not a startling statement, for only a comparatively few knew that she wrote anything but invitations, acceptances, requests, for the endless chain of "functions" that are society's excruciating torment.

Many were content not to know that she now and then wrote a poem or essay, and that she once committed a blank verse drama, which died of anemia after a few nights in London. Whether the English duchess writes or doesn't write is of no great consequence to a writer, but it is a practical world.

For she has done what is of far more vital import to the world than to write. She has lived. She has been a wife, mother, friend, philanthropist. She has no need to write, for by living she has been an object lesson of it.

What is of genuine concern in the matter is not whether or not the Duchess of Sutherland has written, but the reason she gives her publisher for ceasing her literary endeavors. "I have given up writing," she is quoted as saying, "because I have become middle-aged and mellow."

Thus she gave no reason but rather that flimsy prop in any structure, an excuse. For little worth reading has been written before its author is "middle-aged and mellow." Not until the late summer or early autumn of life has a man or woman learned enough of life to give any light upon its dark places, and that is what worthy writing does.

Singing teachers say that no voice is full and sweet until it is forty. Metaphysicians say the mind is at its best at forty and after for an indefinitely long time, according to whether the mind is on a high or a low plane, eliminating the poison of youth, and the poison of undue hurry. One of the anomalies of the stage is that no man can satisfactorily play Juliet until she is forty, when she is too old to look the part.

The girl or boy valedictorian of his class reads a commencement day essay, and his theme of that rare way of conduct of life. It comes from a dictionary of quotations or is a phonograph rendering of class lectures. Some of these bright young folk burst from the college platform wisdom about the ideal life at grizzled heads and seamed faces. Laughter issues from the grizzled heads and seamed faces, and the valedictorians are indignant for a time. A few months or years afterward they begin faintly to understand that laughter. They begin to know that it isn't unkind laughter, that it is only experience attempting to square with former ideas. They of the grizzled heads know that the youngsters say "let's of the

slightest consequence except to themselves.

A young man but just released from college went to the head of a law firm in New York and asked for work. "Call in twenty years," he said, "a month," inquired the head of the firm.

"Yes," returned the collegian. "Take up your coat then, but perhaps I'd better tell you, that you will only be worth five dollars a month to the firm. We will pay you that in cash. The rest will be paid in experience."

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